CERVICAL CANCER SCREENING*

Have you ever had a Pap test?

- Ninety-seven percent of adult Montana women reported in 2004 that they had ever had a Pap test.
- The percentage of women who had ever had a Pap test has remained approximately the same since 1992 (data not shown prior to 2000).
- Women aged 18 to 24 (88%) were significantly less likely to have ever had a Pap test than women aged 25 or older (≥97%).
- Ninety-one percent of women with less than a high school education reported that they
 had ever had a Pap test, while more than 98 percent of women with a college degree
 reported having had the test.

Have you had a Pap test in the past three years?

- In 2004, the percentage of women who reported they had a Pap test within the past three years was 86 percent.
- Just 76 percent of women aged 65 and older reported that they had the test in the past three years.
- There was a positive association between having had a Pap test within the past three
 years and educational or household income levels; that is, the higher the educational or
 income level, the more likely a woman was to report having had a Pap test within the past
 three years.
- The prevalence of having had a Pap test within the past three years was not related to racial category or disability status.

Healthy People 2010 Objectives:

- 3-11a Increase the proportion of women aged 18 and older who have ever received a pap test to at least 97%.
- 3-11b Increase the proportion of women aged 18 and older who have received a pap test within the preceding 3 years to at least 90%.

[Table 17. Cervical Cancer Screening, Montana Adult Women, 2004]

^{*} Denominator is all adult women with an intact uterine cervix

[Figure 17. Pap Tests, Montana Adult Women with an Intact Uterine Cervix, 2000-2004]

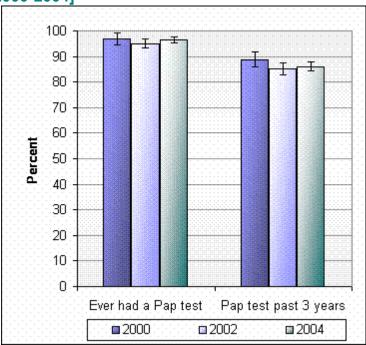


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